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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING VARIABLE LENGTH DATA

ACCORDING TO A RADIO LINK PROTOCOL IN A MOBILE

COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Sir:

1. **REFUND REQUEST**

This is a request for a refund with respect to a payment for a Notice of Appeal and third month extension of time incurred because of a delay that is believe to have been caused by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with respect to the aboveidentified application.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8 (a)

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Dated: November 24, 2004

Michael J. Musella

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TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED

\$ 860.00

II.

III. EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTESTED CHARGE IS IN ERROR

An Office Action marked "Final" by the Examiner was mailed on March 23, 2004. On June 23, 2004 a Response to the Office Action was filed, and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (the Office) on June 25, 2004 as evidenced by the return postcard attached hereto. An interview was conducted with the Examiner regarding the status of the application during which the Examiner stated that the file was in the imaging department. On September 23, 2004 a Notice of Appeal was filed with a Petition for Extension of Time of three months, along with the required fees, and was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (the Office) on September 27, 2004. An Advisory Action was finally mailed on September 22, 2004.

It is respectfully submitted that if not for the delay of the Patent Office, the fees associated with the Notice of Appeal of \$330,00 and third month Extension of Time of \$530.00 would not have been incurred by the applicant.

Since the Response to the "Final" Office Action was received at the Office on June 25, 2004, an Office Communication should have been issued by July 25, 2004. The delay of more than two months, i.e. July 25, 2004 to September 27, 2004, was directly caused by the Office, and in turn caused the Applicant to incur the costs associated with the Notice of Appeal fee of \$330.00 and third month extension of time, namely \$530.00.

Due to the delay of the issuance of the Advisory Action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, a payment of the Notice of Appeal fee and third month extension of time for a total of \$860.00 was required.

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Respectfully requested,

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